

FISCAL NOTE

HB 668 - SB 623

March 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows cities and counties with a population of at least 200,000 to train and certify emergency medical technician-paramedics (EMT-Ps) who are employed by the county or city. The Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board is currently responsible for the licensure and certification of emergency services personnel. The courses and standards used by the local government for training would have to meet the criteria set by the board and any instructors would have to be certified by the Department of Health. The city or county would conduct the required examination of EMT-Ps and issue the appropriate licenses or permits to those who successfully complete the exam. The commissioner must approve the examination.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - Less Than \$5,000
Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - not Significant/Permissive
Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Less Than \$5,000/Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- Provisions of the bill are permissive to local governments.
- Approximately 50 EMT-Ps may be affected by the legislation.
- Currently renewal fees imposed by the state are \$48 and application and license fees are \$175.
- Local governments will have to provide training and certification.
- Local governments will charge a similar fee for licensing as is now charged by state government.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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